

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (P3P2003264US)

Amendments to the Specification

On page 1, please replace the heading "TECHNICAL FIELD" with the following amended heading:

TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, please replace the heading "BACKGROUND ART" with the following amended heading:

BACKGROUND ART OF THE INVENTION

On page 3, please replace the heading "DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION" with the following amended heading:

~~DISCLOSURE~~ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 5, please replace the heading "BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION" with the following amended heading:

~~BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Please replace paragraph starting from page 12, line 28 to page 13, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

--It is apparent from the measurement results that the number of calcium ions (Ca^{2+}) and magnesium ions (Mg^{2+}), which are alkaline earth metal ions, and aluminum ions (Al^{3+}) decreases at positions closer to ~~deeper from~~ the surface of the glass plate 21a. That is, the calcium ions, magnesium